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SUBJECT: THREAT OF FISH WAR

REF: VANCOUVER' S 241 AND A-31, MAY 11

FOLLOWING AN INTERVIEW IN VANCOUVER, ENVIRONMENT MINISTER JACK DAVIS WAS QUOTED IN THE MAY 14 TH VANCOUVER PROVINCE AS SAYING:

" IF THEY EXCLUDE US FROM THEIR FISHING ZONES THEN WE' LL FISH LIKE MAD ON THE EDGE OF THEIR ZONES, AND I BELIEVE FISHING ON THE EDGE OF THEIR ZONES WILL BRING THEM BACK TO THE BARGAINING TABLE".

HE IS ALSO REPORTED AS HAVING SAID THAT ANY SIMILAR RETALIATORY ACTION BY THE U. S. OUTSIDE CANADIAN ZONES WOULD HURT CANADA " NOT AS MUCH AS WE' D HURT THEM."

HE SAID THAT U. S. WANTS TO END RECIPROCITY OF EACH COUNTRY' S FISHING VESSELS BEING ALLOWED IN THE OTHER' S ZONE, BUT " WE' RE NOT ABOUT TO SAY O. K. BECAUSE BASICALLY WE' VE OUTFISHED THEM." THE U. S. WANTS TO PUSH CANADA OUT OF THE U. S. NINE- MILE LIMIT, HE SAID.

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CANADIAN BOATS HAVE PICKED UP A LOT OF U. S. HATCHERY FISH AND  
" THAT' S HURTING THEM," HE SAID. CANADA IS DETERMINED TO  
CONTINUE THE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN A GOOD  
AGREEMENT FOR THIS COUNTRY, HE SAID.

DAVIS CAUTIONED THAT HE WAS TALKING ONLY OF OPTIONS CANADA  
HAS IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES  
BY THE TIME THE CURRENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES JUNE 15.

" I DON' T WANT TO BE TOO THREATENING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I WOULD MUCH  
PREFER TO CONTINUE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF VESSELS IN THE FISHING  
ZONES," HE SAID.  
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